

I support media diversity

I am writing to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. As an American citizen who wants to stay informed, I am writing to express my opposition to the FCC's proposed new media ownership rules.

As a working journalist I have a particular concern on this issue because I've seen first-hand what it means. During my seven years as an entertainment editor, I have watched Clear Channel Media emerge -- then take over pop music programming at every major venue and arena in my newspaper's tri-state coverage area. Now I fear the same thing will happen to our broadcast news, threatening our participatory democracy at its root.

Self-government depends on an educated and well-informed voting public. We need citizens who accept responsibility to examine issues and think critically. And, most crucially, we need multiple, diverse, independent, and responsible media voices reaching those citizens. For this reason I oppose the proposed new FCC broadcast media ownership rules.

Sincerely,  
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